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With the Decree of the Ministry of Public Health acting as the driving force, the small rayon center of Playsk, Tula Oblast made one of the finest records in 1948. Unification of hospitals are polyclinics has pregressed rapidly and all the medical workers are whole-heartedly cooperating to eliminate deficiencies.

The number of doctors doubled in 1948. Many famous people joined the ranks of the medical workers. Among them: K. A. Andreyeva, otolaryngelogist; M. A. Gluzheva, ophthalmologist; Ye. A. Semashko, laboratory specialist; V. M. Barakhanov infectious disease specialist; O. N. Shapovalova, epidemiologist; and M. I. Vegovskiy, dentist. Many new departments were organized.

In April 1948, an X-ray department was organized. It has proven its worth in diagnosing difficult cases. In October 1948, Ye. S. Makeysva, pathologist and anatomist, initiated a series of pathological and anatomical conferences for the purpose of training medical personnel. Results have been very satisfactory.

The local dispensary for bed patients has been as igned an additional 14 nurses and 20 nurse aids. The operations of the dispensary for ambulatory patients have been reorganized. Patients may now come for all types of services, except neuropathic. However, A. S. Dem'yanov, chief, Oblast Public dealth Department, has promised that a neuropathologist would be assigned in the near future.

Formerly, there was no medical service available in Playsk. At precent, however, there are three different medical sections in operation. The section heads are doing commendable work in siding var wounded, tubercular, ulcereus, and hypertonic cases. The Playsk Dispensary is not inferior to the polyolinics in the large cities. The atilities of its staff physicians rank second to none. M. A. Glukhova an ophthalmologist, is semewhat nampered by the fact that she does not have enough been in her hospital. However, she has had fine cooperation from other medical enterprises and usually has no difficulty in finding beds for her patients.

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The monthly record of the X-ray department speaks for itself; in January 1949 there 388 were patients in the dispensary for ambulatory patients, of whom 40 were X-rayed. During that same month there were 79 patients in the dispensary for bed patients, of whom 23 were X-rayed. This appears to be one of the few enterprises where all of the personnel are cuite familiar with their duties.

At one time it was necessary to call upon ophthalmologists in Tula to make periodic visits; this is no longer necessary. Doctor Glukhova, who studied at the Institute imeni Gel'mogol'ts, is an ophthalmologic surgeon.

At a recent conference of staff physicians Semashko sought the reason for the failure to study the effect of Vandenberg's reaction on spinal fluids or blood. Since then the Laboratory has been quite busy, and soon it will be possible to requisition everything necessary for carrying cut complete histological diagnosis.

One of the factors that made possible the magnificent achievements of the Plavek Medical Department has been the excellent working conditions; everyone cooperates. The system has worked so well that in 1948 only 50 neuropathic and cancerous cases were sent from Plavek to Tula, a significant decrease over 1947.

The Playek Rayon Hospital is improving daily; much of this is due to the efforts of Z. M. Golovicheva, chief, Rayon Public Health Department, and V. V. Gelovieyeva, chief surgeon, United Hospital and Polyclinic. -- A. Luganskiy

SHEPPETOV HOSPITAL RESUMES SERVICE -- Mediteinskiy Rabotnik, No 16, 20 Apr 49

The Shepotov Intra-rayon hospital is again functioning in all departments after a period of inactivity imposed by the war. The hospital has seven different buildings, and a sanitation and engineering department containing a biological sanitation unit. There are ten departments, and a total of 320 beds. It is united with a polyclinic.

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